

TIMID BANK ROBBER
FLEES WITHOUT CASH

Masked Man Attempts to
Loot Mexico Savings
Institution.

FIRES AT EMPLOYE

Bookkeeper Runs for Officer
and Bandit Escapes—Not
Yet Caught.

By Special Correspondence.

MEXICO, Mo., April 26.—Revolver in hand, a masked man of youthful appearance entered the Mexico Savings Bank here this afternoon, ordered the four employees of the bank into the front cage and was ready to help himself to the loose change at the cashier's window when one of the bookkeepers ran outside to notify the police. The would-be robber, becoming frightened, followed the bookkeeper out of the door and disappeared.

It was about 1 o'clock when the bandit walked into the bank, fired at Joel Guthrie, one of the bookkeepers, and drove him into the front cage. He then ordered J. R. Jesse, the cashier, Walker Burns and Sam Sharp, two other clerks in the bank, to the front.

With all four men huddled in the front of the bank the robber drew out a bag in which to gather the loose change before going to the vault. When the robber turned his back Burns darted through the door. The high-wayman, fearing Burns would notify the police, followed the bank clerk and disappeared around the corner.

Burns called the police, but the masked man had not been caught at a late hour this afternoon.

Rhodes Jesse, a student in the University of Missouri, is a son of J. R. Jesse, the bank cashier.

TO CONSIDER FINANCES

Board of Curators Will Hold
Special Meeting Here
Monday.

President A. Ross Hill said today that a special meeting of the Board of Curators would be held here next Monday to consider the financial problem of the University.

Federal aid given the University for agricultural extension under the Smith-Lever grant carries with it the assumption that the state will appropriate the same amount as paid by the government. President Hill said that unless the state could pay its appropriation Missouri would lose its share of the federal allowance.

All the St. Louis newspapers yesterday printed accounts of the University's financial situation, based on an interview given in St. Louis by President Hill.

Doctor Hill explained what has been generally known in Columbia—the fact that the state treasury is behind in its payment of the funds appropriated to the University by the legislature. To meet current expenses, he said, \$83,000 has been advanced by R. B. Price, president of the Boone County National Bank and treasurer of the University. During the last three months the University, he said, has received no money from the state except a small amount from the inheritance tax fund.

State Treasurer Edwin P. Deal, who was in St. Louis last night, is quoted by the Republic as saying that his office had honored every warrant presented, and he was at a loss to know why warrants for the salaries of teachers had not been issued by the state auditor.

U. S. INTERPRETS SHIP DECREE

Merchants Must Be Presumed
Peaceful Unless Proved Otherwise.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Belligerent countries should presume that armed merchantmen are peaceful unless there be conclusive proof to the contrary.

This is the position of the United States in regard to the armed merchantman question as officially declared by the State Department this afternoon.

To Bedside of Their Son.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cooper, living on Wilkes boulevard, left for Moberly yesterday to be with their son, I. D. Cooper, who is seriously ill.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Partly cloudy and continued cool tonight and Thursday. Temperature 40 or lower. Probably light frost early morning in exposed places.

For Missouri: Partly cloudy and continued cool tonight and Thursday.

Weather Conditions.

The weather this morning is mostly cloudy and unsettled in the lower part of the Mississippi Valley and generally in all sections east of the Mississippi. Showers, varying in amounts from light to moderate, fell in the northern half of Texas, in Oklahoma, Missouri and thence northeast in Tennessee and Ohio, and across Pennsylvania to the Atlantic Ocean.

Temperatures are below the seasonal average in all of the principal grain states, but freezing or near freezing conditions still are confined to the Upper Missouri drainage area. Along the Western Rocky Mountain slope the weather is beginning to moderate.

Partly cloudy to generally fair and cool weather will continue in Columbia during the next two or three days. Light frost is probable in exposed places and lowlands tonight.

Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 57 and the lowest last night was 39; precipitation, .07; relative humidity 72 p. m. yesterday, 81 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 84 and the lowest 61; precipitation, .06.

The Almanac.

Sun rises today, 5:47 a. m. Sun sets, 6:57 p. m.

Moon rises, 2:43 a. m.

The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m. 40 11 a. m. 46
9 a. m. 41 12 m. 47
1 p. m. 42 1 p. m. 48
3 p. m. 44 2 p. m. 50

More Shakespeare Lectures.

The second lecture in the Shakespeare series, celebrating the tercentenary of the poet's death, will be given at 7:30 o'clock this evening in the University Auditorium by Prof. N. M. Trenholme.

His lecture will be "Shakespeare and English History." Tomorrow evening Dr. Robert L. Ramsay will lecture on "The Elizabethan Theater."

TO IMPROVE COLUMBIA STREETS

Civic League Will Offer Prize for Best-
Appearing Thoroughfare.

The Women's Civic League yesterday decided to hold a street beautification contest in Columbia this summer. Residents will be asked to co-operate with the league in improving their streets. At different times during the summer a committee will inspect the streets and offer aid or suggestions. In the early fall each person in Columbia will be asked to vote for the street which he thinks the most beautiful.

The Civic League also decided to see what could be done toward cleaning up around the Washburn station. Suggestions were made to whitewash the houses and fences and plant vines and flowers.

Mrs. F. P. Johnson spoke on "Extirminating the Fly." Her suggestions were to eradicate the breeding places, screen houses, to use traps and to be careful to dispose of all garbage.

A vote of thanks was given to Mayor J. M. Batterton, to the City Council, to C. O. Hanes, to the men who lent teams and workmen and to City Engineer Paul Price for assisting in Clean-Up Week.

WILL DISCUSS SCHOOL BONDS

Commercial Club to Devote Luncheon
Talks to Issue.

The discussion of the proposed \$90,000 school bond issue will be the chief topic at the luncheon of the Commercial Club tomorrow noon at the Gem Cafe Annex, North Tenth street. Talks will be made by Superintendent J. E. McPherson of the Columbia schools and by representatives of each of the banks.

The discussion of the bond issue will be informal and will last twenty minutes. After this, ten minutes will be given to reports from membership committees. The luncheon will begin promptly at 12 o'clock and the discussion at 12:30 o'clock.

MAY QUEEN ELECTION TOMORROW

Only Those Who Pay Dues May Vote
—Four Candidates for Office.

Four senior women of the University will be contestants in the election for May Queen tomorrow. The nominees are Misses Norma Boehmer, Clara Dunn, Pearl Ragsdale and June Van Norstrand. The one elected will be crowned at the May Day Fete, which will be May 19.

The election will take place from 9 until 4 o'clock in the women's parlors, Academic Hall. All ballots must be signed, as only those who have paid their Self-Government Association dues both semesters will be entitled to a vote.

RUINED FLOWER BEDS
CAUSE TROUBLE HERE

Columbians Resent Dis-
appearance of Prized Tulips,
Violets and Jonquils.

POLICE HELP SOUGHT

Property Owners Would Dis-
courage Wanton Destruction
of Blossoms.

Wanted—A civic conscience in Columbia, to prevent flowers from being stolen and shrubbery destroyed.

For several years the Women's Civic League has encouraged the beautifying of Columbia by offering prizes for beautiful and well-kept lawns; seeds and plants have been distributed among the children; experts in gardening have given their advice and time to assist the Civic League in this work, and many persons have responded to the appeal. This season the tulip beds were unusually beautiful, but vandals have destroyed many of them.

Sunday night about fifteen tulip blossoms were removed from a bed in Dr. C. A. Ellwood's lawn. The same night someone took about sixteen blossoms from Mrs. James Gordon, 1211 University avenue. Mrs. J. D. Eliff, 765 Maryland avenue, lost about fourteen blossoms, and Mrs. George Lefevre about seventy last Sunday night. Before Easter about fourteen tulips were taken from Mrs. Eliff and about the same number from Mrs. Lefevre. This spring about 500 long-stemmed violets were removed from one of the University hotbeds, and several dozen jonquils disappeared from the campus one night.

Persons going along the street have been noticed breaking off branches of flowering shrubs and carelessly tearing the bushes. Mrs. F. P. Spalding's jonquils were taken in the early spring, but nothing has been disturbed recently.

Mrs. Eliff complained to the police of her loss, but so far no trace of the vandals has been found.

TROOPS GO TO IRELAND

English Soldiers Rushed to
Dublin—Martial Law
Is Declared.

By United Press.

LONDON, April 26.—Government troops, hastily transported from England, rushed forward from Belfast and reached Dublin this afternoon, taking possession of Stephen's Green and Liberty Hall in the center of the city. Martial law has been declared.

MISSOURI CIRCLES RANK HIGH

Number of Mothers' Clubs Doubles in
One Year, Making 173 Now.

Missouri circles of Mothers' Clubs and Parent-Teacher Associations have made the greatest advancement in the last year of those of any state in America. This is the report from the national congress held recently at Nashville, Tenn., according to Mrs. J. S. Farrington, a delegate to the congress here.

"A year ago Missouri had only eighty-five circles," said Mrs. Farrington. "Today we have more than 173. We have also made the biggest increase in members. We now have 5,726 members."

"Two of our best circles are at the William Cullen Bryant School in Kansas City and at the Dozier School in St. Louis. The St. Louis circle has more than 250 members. It has \$800 in its treasury. Other circles are doing about as well."

"The most pleasing feature of this congress is the representation of rural schools. We need them badly. We have not had circles in many rural schools heretofore, but we are gradually reaching them now."

M. U. Debaters Off for Wisconsin.

C. R. Longwell and J. C. Vogel have gone to Madison, Wis., where they will meet the Wisconsin debaters Friday. The question is: "Resolved, that the short ballot system should be adopted in all state and national elections."

High School Plays Mexico.

The baseball team of the Columbia High School left this afternoon for Mexico to play the Missouri Military Academy team at 4 o'clock. The team was accompanied by E. M. Todd, coach.

400 MOTHERS ATTEND
STATE MEETING HERE

President of Association Gives
Columbia Women Credit
for Good Work.

M.U. DEAN IN TALK

W. W. Charters Outlines
Changes in Theory and
Practice of Education.

The hand that rocks the cradle ruled Columbia last night when about four hundred mothers and teachers met in the Christian College Auditorium for the opening session of the fourth annual convention of the Missouri Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations.

Plenty of enthusiasm was shown at the meeting—in fact, plenty of everything, except men, who, according to Dean W. W. Charters, were at home taking care of the babies. A glance over the audience revealed the mayor of Columbia, one insurance agent, two doctors, one minister and the speaker of the evening, Dean Charters of the School of Education of the University.

Mrs. Frank G. Harris of Columbia gave an address of welcome on behalf of the mothers of Columbia, and Mrs. J. B. McBride of Springfield, president of the Missouri Congress of Mothers, responded. She said that Columbia had done more than any other city in Missouri toward the accomplishment of the aims set forth in the slogan of the organization, "Make Missouri a better place for children."

Shows 15 Years of Changes.

Dean Charters, in his address on "A Silent Revolution," gave a history of the change that has taken place in public education in the last fifteen years. He said that the old idea of the function of the public school could best be shown by a letter which Susie's mother wrote to the teacher: "Dear teacher," it read, "I am not feeling well this week, and in addition I am going to have company. Please teach Susie her lessons and let me hear them, instead of having me teach Susie the lessons and letting you hear them."

"Many criticisms of the public school system of today are being made by magazines and educators," said Dean Charters, "but the best way to answer the objections is to compare present with past methods. For instance, in the matter of methods of discipline: The stories that my mother told and the things that I remember about the discipline in the public schools of twenty-five years ago are harrowing, to say the least. Military discipline was the rule, and a day that passed without flogging at least ten pupils was a day ill spent. Today the complaint is that children are not whipped enough—especially other people's children."

"Lack of Interest a Setback."

Dean Charters then traced the changes that had come about in the teaching of beginning reading, in the use of the factor of play, in the installation of language as a study and in the attention to the rules of hygiene. He said that the only serious setback in the movement for betterment of the public schools was the lack of interest shown by parents in general. He said he hoped that the Congress of Mothers would be the force to bridge this gap in the relation between the parents and the public schools.

After the meeting a reception was held in the drawing rooms of Christian College. In the receiving line were: Mrs. J. B. McBride, Springfield; Mrs. Norman Windsor, St. Louis; Mrs. W. H. Jones, Kansas City; Mrs. Calvin Miller, St. Louis; Mrs. S. W. Arnold, Kirksville; Mrs. M. J. Hale, Monett; Mrs. J. H. McVey, Kansas City; Mrs. John S. Farrington, Independence; Mrs. Karl Eaton, Springfield; Mrs. A. L. Yingling, Independence; Mrs. William Flick, Kansas City; Miss Jennie Hildenbrandt, St. Louis; Mrs. Bernard C. Hunt, Columbia; Mrs. E. R. Weeks, Kansas City, and Mrs. Luella W. St. Clair-Moss, president of Christian College.

Circles Make Reports.

A unique feature of the session today at the Christian Church was the placing of bulletins in the church with the previous reports of circle presidents printed on them in type large enough to be seen from any part of the room. The work some of the circles are doing is indicated in their reports, such statements as "Made twenty-seven outfits for pupils," "Made 264 baby garments" and "Built

Columbian Re-elected



Mrs. B. C. Hunt of Columbia, again chosen recording secretary of the State Mothers' Congress.

two cottages at Industrial Home" appearing frequently.

Miss Louise Stanley of the University held a conference on home economics and Dr. M. P. Ravenel conducted a conference on child hygiene.

Miss Ella Victoria Dobbs, assistant professor of manual arts in the University, gave a thirty-minute talk on "Occupations for Children in the Home." As one lady expressed it, "Miss Dobbs would make an ideal Santa Claus." She gave a lecture explaining the toys that can be made by little children from scraps. Such toys as merry-go-rounds, see-saws, pianos, stoves, squirrels, goats, cows, a Missouri mule that kicked, dancing clowns and kewpies, all made from scraps of wood, spools, cardboard and pill boxes were shown.

Suggestions for Rearing Children.

"Let the children do things that appeal to them," said Miss Dobbs. "Arrange work so that it appeals to them and you will not have to ask them to help you. Don't coddle a child too much. Don't try to break his will. Remember the vagueness of a child's mind and don't forget that a little one has not the same intelligence you have. These are the only rules I know for raising a child."

Mrs. J. B. McBride's talk, "The Future of the Congress," and the piano solo by Prof. Basil Gauntlett were postponed.

(Additional news of the Mothers' Congress will be found on page 2.)

MRS. JOBE PRESIDENT

Kansas City Woman Unani-
mously Chosen Head of the
State Mothers' Congress.

Mrs. Walter H. Jobe of Kansas City was unanimously elected president of the Missouri Mothers' Congress this afternoon at the Christian Church. Mrs. Jobe has been second vice-president of the organization for the last two years and president of the Kansas City council of Mothers' Clubs for the last year.

Other officers elected are: First vice-president, Mrs. Norman Windsor, St. Louis; second vice-president, Mrs. S. W. Arnold, Kirksville; third vice-president, Mrs. A. L. Yingling, Independence; fourth vice-president, Mrs. L. D. Rosenbarger, Springfield; fifth vice-president, Mrs. M. J. Hale, Monett; corresponding secretary, Mrs. George Sieman, Kansas City; recording secretary, Mrs. B. C. Hunt, Columbia; treasurer, Mrs. E. A. McKay, Springfield; auditor, Mrs. Bertha Blees, Weston; historian, Mrs. John S. Farrington, Springfield.

Mrs. J. B. McBride, outgoing president, was elected honorary president.

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THE CALENDAR

April 26.—Lecture, "Shakespeare and English History," by Dr. N. M. Trenholme, University Auditorium, 7:30 p. m.
April 27.—Shakespeare exhibit, faculty room of Library Building.
April 28.—Baseball, Oklahoma A. & M. vs. Missouri, Rollins Field.
April 29.—Meeting of Missouri Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teachers' Association.
April 27.—Lecture, "The Elizabethan Theater," by Dr. Robert L. Ramsay, University Auditorium, 7:30 p. m.
April 28.—Baseball, Ames vs. Missouri, Rollins Field. Spring games (track).
April 29.—Song cycle, "Cupid in Arcady," by University Chorus and Columbia Choral Society under direction of Prof. W. H. Fommer, University Auditorium.
May 1-5.—Journalism Week.
May 5.—Farmers' Fair, University farm.

U.S. TROOPS BATTLE
VILLISTA BAND OF 300

Six Mexicans and Two Amer-
icans Killed in a Run-
ning Fight.

LASTS THREE HOURS

Bandit's Men Believed to Be
Concentrating to Re-
sume Campaign.

By United Press.

HEADQUARTERS OF GENERAL PERSHING, NAMIQUITA, April 26.—Six Villistas were killed and nineteen wounded in a fierce three-hour running fight between a small United States detachment under Colonel Dodd and a band of Villa followers numbering 300 near Tomachic, Chihuahua, last Saturday.

Dispatches to headquarters this afternoon said that two Americans had been killed and three wounded.

It is thought that the Villa forces are concentrating to resume their campaign. The attack Saturday was a surprise. The Villistas did not make a great resistance against the American troops.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ADDS 80

Report in New Membership Campaign
Shows \$600 Collected Fees.

The Commercial Club now has 80 new members. Membership fees collected amount to \$600. This was the combined report of the committees in charge of the new membership campaign, given at a meeting held this morning in the Commercial Club rooms. Most of the new members signed for three years.

Membership committee No. 3 leads the campaign for the day with nineteen new members. This committee is composed of D. W. B. Kurtz, Jr., chairman; J. S. Rollins and H. M. McPheters.

In the absence of L. M. Defoe, president of the club, Vice-President W. L. Nelson presided this morning. "The campaign is progressing nicely," said Secretary C. O. Hanes today, "and a large majority of the men solicited are signing up under the three-year system. This campaign is going to be the most extensive the club has ever undertaken."

A meeting of the nine committees will be held tomorrow morning in the club rooms. An effort is being made to raise the enrollment to 200 new members. This will raise the club income to \$1,500.

\$1 TO EACH OF FIVE SONS

Will of Ashland Woman Divides Estate
Between Daughters.

The will of Mrs. Samantha I. Arnold of Ashland was filed in probate court today. After making provisions for paying her debts, and directing tombstones at her own grave and the graves of her husband and daughter, Indiana B. Arnold, Mrs. Arnold made the following disposal of her property.

To each of her five sons, William A., George A., Edwin L., Robert E., and Charles Arnold, she gave \$1. To her daughter, Harriet A. Blagg, she gave \$5. To another daughter, Clara A. Arnold, she gave one half of her estate, and she left the other half in trust for her remaining daughter, Viola M. Palmer. Her son, Charles Arnold, was appointed administrator, but as he does not live in Missouri, S. F. Conley was appointed in his place. Charles Arnold was the first graduate of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri.

CADET HURT IN SHAM BATTLE

Sylvester Whitten Injures Leg in
Mimic Fight at Rocheport.

As a result of the University Cadets' sham battle at Rocheport last Saturday, Sylvester Whitten, son of Prof. J. C. Whitten and student in the College of Arts and Science, is attending classes on crutches.

Whitten, while acting as an outpost for the party on the defense, was surprised by an outpost of the attacking party. In trying to avoid capture he tore several ligaments in his right leg.

About a month will be required for the injury to heal, his physician says.

Fisherman Gets Ducking.

I. T. Cook, William Reid, L. T. Meredith, and J. F. Challis went fishing Monday on Monticau Creek at Rocheport. Reid had a cold swim when their boat overturned.